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O H! *Yee living Branches of the true Vine*; yee Children of the *day* whose light is come, on whom *the glory of the Lord* is risen, yee hungering Lambes and little ones, and thirsting soules after *righteousnes*, and all *yee* in whom *true desires* are begotten, after the knowledge of the Lord; and whose *faces* are turned towards *Sion*, more especially to all *yee* amongst whom I sometimes have had my Conversation in the Gospel of Christ Iesus the light of life; unto you all, (without respect of persons) endeared everlasting *love*, from melting *bowells*, from me freely flowes and reaches, and in which receive the dear Salutation of me your Brother, fellow Traveller and Companion, towards & in the promised Inheritance; and now a Prisoner for the Testimony of that Truth and Gospel which in the fulnes of time hath been in the demonstration of the Spirit and Power of God revealed and declared in and amongst you; yea in fulnes of love and life am I even constrained hereby to salute and imbrace you: and let you know that I am yet *alive*, & that that life & power lives in me which shall *subdue* Death it selfe; & him that hath the power of it, in which life power and love I earnestly desire and wish that grace mercy love, life and peace eternal, may be abundantly shed abroad and multiplied in and amongst you all.

Oh! my dear and everlastingly beloved Brethren and Sisters, what shall I say or what words shall I use to express my love unto

and nearneſs to and with you, *yee bone of my bone and fleſh of my fleſh, & love of my life*; ſurely I am full, yea I am full of Love towards you, and have (even as it were) travelled in pain for ſome time waiting to bring forth a manifeſtation of it: And now truly rejoyce that the time is come for me to eaſe my ſelf unto you, and the gates being ſet open, *let my love ſwiftly run forth towards you* as a mighty Stream that runs down a ſteep Hill, *and beares down all oppoſition before it*; When I looke back and call to minde the *day*, when the Lord uttered his *Voice* amongſt us, and when his call reached to *his own* in us, & when he *bowed our hearts* to anſwer his call, and when I with many of you turned my face toward *Sion*, and began to advance out of *Egipt*, and took our Journey together through the wilderneſs in a path unknown unto us; yea, *my dear hearts*, when I remember now in this time of my *reſtraint & Captivity*, what freedom and liberty once I had amongſt you, when I went with joy & gladneſs with them that kept holy-day, when I aſſembled amongſt the little ones of my *Fathers family* to wait upon him, and when ſomtimes as the *leaſt* of his little ones, I Miniſtred before him amongſt you out of that everlaſting *Treaſury* from whence I received a portion to diſtribute, when he uttered his *Voice* through me, and when his *witneſs* in many of you anſwered and teſtified it was not the *voice* of a *Stranger*; When his glory even filled his houſe, and his *preſence* appeared in the midſt of us to the ſhaking of the earth removing the mountaines and rending the rocks, when his living ſtreams ſwiftly run through the little vallies, and watered and refreſh't his pleaſant heritage, when the *broken* in heart were bound up, and comfort and glad tidings Proclaimed to *Sions mourners*, when the Lambes skipt upon the mountaines, and the *morning Stars* rejoyced together, when with one accord from the life Eternal, in its dominion we breathed forth prayſes

ſes unto *Sions King*, yea when theſe things are ſet before me in this my captive (yet contented ſtate) verily, my *bowells* are even turned within me , and in remembrance thereof mine heart affects mine eyes , and mine eyes anſwers my heart, and oft teares plentifully runs down upon my Bed in the night ſeaſon ; *Oh my deare and pretious ones* ! feele yee my melting , panting, yearning *bowells* over and towards you ; Let not my teares be ſpilt in vaine in remembrance of you , what though I am here ſhut up , and numbred amongſt *tranſgreſſors* , and ſeperated from your ſociety ? yee know it is only for bearing record to the living hope begotten in you, *even the hope of Iſrael*: Oh ! how can I forget the Lords pleaſant Heritage, whoſe beauty, whoſe love hath even overcome me; *yee excellent ones*, ſurely my delight is in you , my vnion, my fellowſhip, my life is with you , nay if I forget you , (in whom my ſoule rejoyces , and in whoſe love I am foulded) then let the pittifull tender *mother* forget her innocent tender Infant of a ſpan long , the fruite of her wombe which ſhee hath brought forth through ſore pangs and ſorrow ; yea then let mine eyes forget to guide or direct my feete , and let my right hand forget his ſervice for its fellow members , for if I forſake or turne my back from the little ones of the Campe of *Iſrael*, when in the wilderneſs in the day of tryal , when *Amalecks* forces approaches near them , yea or at the *Lyons* mouth or *Dragons* Den , then let my right hand be dryed up , and my peirceing ſword (which the Captaine of *Iſraells* hoſte hath girt about me) returne into mine own *bowells*, and let the ſharp Arrows of my *Bow* (which abode in its ſtrength when the Archers ſhott at me) ſwiftly paſs through my own Breaſt , yea then let the enemy perſecute my ſoule and take it, and lay mine honour in the duſt , and tread my life down to the ground, and let me be as them that goe down to the grave and ſhall never ſee *light*,

nay yee are written and ſealed in my hearts love with indeligable Characters, even as with the poynt of a *Diamond*, in the bright polliſhed Marble; what inſtrument or power ſhall ever be able to raze you out; or make a ſeparation between us! yea though my outward man be here in bondage, *my love, my life, my ſpirit is at liberty*; and on a rock am I ſet above mine Enemies, my Tryalls and Sufferings (wherein my ſpirit) I oft behold the Innocent Lambs, feeding in the pleaſant paſtures, under the good Shepherds conduct, and drinking at the living Fountaine, where I ſee the harmleſs little ones feeding in the Banqueting houſe in the *Fathers* preſence; & the Banner of love diſplayed over them, & where I truly feed drink & am refreſhed with and among them, to my unexpreſſable joy & great delight; yea the Innocency of the Lambes, and ſimplicity of the Babes oft times even overcomes my heart with love unto them, and the ſpirit of Courage and Valour which my God hath raiſed up in them in this day of his power, (by which they are made willing to Ieapard their lives in the high places of the Field) even fills my ſoule with joy, and my mouth with ſongs of prayſes for them; *Oh dear Lambes*! let me have a habitation amongſt you, and in your love and life let me have a reſting place, yea ſtretch forth your Armes to imbrace my breathing ſoule; and let your hearts be open to receive my love, for I am your Brother, one of your Mothers Children, let me be near unto you; And further *my dearely beloved Brethren and Siſters*, let me put you in remembrance that the enemies of your everlaſting peace are many, ſubtill & Potent, yea when I have beheld the rageing ſea, caſting up her Monſters, when I have reviewed the ſtrength of *Amalecks* Army, with the *Midianitiſh* wiles, the long wilderneſs uninhabited, and the unknown path to be paſſed through, with the many Bryars and Thornes, fiery Serpents and wild Beaſts,

the ſons of *Anak* to be overcome, and fenced Cities to be won in the ardency of my ſpirit, and fervency of love, my ſoule even cryes *Lord preſerve the Innocent and upright in heart*, & carry thy little ones in thy Boſſome, & let thine everlaſting arme encompaſs them, for what Power, what Wiſdome, can deliver from thoſe Enemies & lead through thoſe ſtraites difficulties and diſtreſſes, *but the Power and Wiſdome of the Lord of Hoſtes.* And therefore in all eſtates and conditions whatſoever, let your eye be unto him, *from whom alone ſalvation comes*, and in diligence and faithfulneſs waite upon him, that with his wiſdome and power yee may be throughly furniſhed, by which yee may be able to encounter with and overcome all hardſhips, and enemies whatſoever; *for truely dear hearts*, when I veiw the *ſtrength*, the *ſubtilty*, the *vigilancy* and *cruelty* of theſe Enemies, my heart would faint, but that I alſo ſee and know *the worke is the Lords*, and his power is over all, whoſe councel ſhall ſtand; Who is bringing up his *choſen* with *joy*, and his redeemed with gladneſs, to the mountaine of *holineſs* and habitation of *Juſtice*, where the weary find reſt, and the hungry and thirſty are plentifully fed and refreſhed and nouriſhed up and preſerved unto everlaſting life, and where ſalvation is appointed for Walls and Bullworkes. And therefore *Oh yee ſeed of Abraham*! and little ones of the houſe of *Iſrael*, lift up your heads and rejoyce, feare not neither be yee diſmayed, looke yee not out at enemies, neither their *power*, *malice*, *ſubtilty*, nor *rage*, but ſtay your minds in that *light* that firſt convinc't you of ſin, waite very diligently in it, and be faithfull to its leading and commands in the leaſt appearance, although you may (as to the outward) ſuffer great loſs by ſo doing; and take diligent heed to watch againſt that which would draw your mindes from it, under what couler or pretence ſoever; *Deare hearts take heed of ſelfe in every thing*,

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for its in League with the Prince of Darkneſs, and is a chief Leader in his Army; *ſelfe love*, *ſelfe wiſdome*, yea, beware of the wiſdome of the fleſh, which will ſome times exerciſe it ſelfe in the things of God, and will be prying into & trying, & examining, & judging, that which it nnderſtands not; but in the end it betrayes *Simplicity* and *Innocency*, be ware of ſelfe *Exaltation* under what ſhew ſoever, but keep to that which keeps you in the Croſs to the carnall part, that yee may dye daily thereunto, yea remember the time of your firſt love, and day of your eſpouſalls, *when the dread of the Lord was over you*, and when you durſt not utter words untill tryed and Judged, when ſimplicity and Innocency was ſought after, to be Guid and Leader. *Oh then Unity and Love increaſed, and the little ones grew ſtrong in the Lord*, Take heed of Covetouſneſs, of the mind, ſecret ſtealing againe into the *Earth*, beware of *haſte* and *raſhneſs* in any thing, but let the meeke and gentle Spirit, Guide and Leade in every thing, and be kind and tenderly affectioned one to another, *bearing* and *forbearing* each other in love, looking alwayes to the better Part, where the unity ſtands, unto that which *in your ſelues* diſcovers ſecrets, but covers and hides infirmities *in the Brethren*; and if any be overtaken with a fault take heed of haſty Judging & Reproving, for that will not reſtore, but in Pitty and Love beare; *Verily* when I have beheld the ſtrong, ſubtill and many Enemies that the poore weake and little ones have to encounter withall, many ſtrong Luſts and riſeings *within*, and great temptations and tryalls *without*, by which many times they are overcome, and ſore wounded, my ſoul in ſecret is even melted and drawn out in love and pitty towards them; and gladly could I help bear their burthens and War againſt their Enemies! yea my life would not be dear unto me to ſave a Lambe from the *Lyons* mouth.

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Let *bowels of love* reach one to another in every condition, And *yee* that have of this worlds goods, ſhutt not out from you the *ſence and feeling* of others wants, but waite to have that eye open that *beholds* & *feeles* others neceſſities, yea let your *bowells* be drawen forth to the *hungry and needy*, that their *bowells* alſo may *bleſs* the Lord for you; & take heed of excuſes when *truth* & *neceſſity* requires your aide; what if *ſome* be ſlack & negligent herein, let *others* be So much the more bountifull & liberall by ſuch example to provoke or make them aſhamed, that it may appear that the *earth* is under your feet, and that you are Children of the Lord, becauſe you love the *Brethren*, and *in all* that the ſence and feeling of the love of God towards you reach forth one to another as the *root* and *offſpring* of all, then ſhall *peace* extend to you as a River, and *righteouſneſs* run down as a mighty ſtream, then ſhall there be noe mourning nor complaining in our ſtreets, nor begger in our *Iſrael*, but *Unity*, *joy*, and *gladneſs* within our Habitation, Oh its a bleſſed thing to have an open heart and liberall hand; a ſacrifice well pleaſſing to the Lord.

And *deare hearts*, take heed of that eye that will watch for evill one againſt another, or be too watchfull to ſpye others faults, take heed of ſuffering prejudice or offences to ariſe in any caſe *within* you, for if it once have got footing *there*, it is not eaſily removed, & if that which is evill in another riſe againſt any of you, Then diligently watch over your own hearts, leaſt the ſame evill riſe in you and contend with the other, And this doth but gender ſtrife & breake Unity; but in caſe of wrong or injury done againſt you, ſeeke not too eagerly to vindicate your ſelues (though inocent) *but in Gods wiſdome*, *true patience* and love to the offender, beare and forbeare, and ſuffer wrong rather then to increaſe diſcord, waiting patiently on the Lord, who in due time will clear your

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innocency as the light. And so all dwell in love together, & let *the God of Peace an Unity rule in your hearts forevermore*. Then shall your hearts be filled with joy and gladness, and your mouthes with joyfull praises, *Oh praise the Lord forever*, and *exalt his Name* in the Congregation of the righteous, for he hath *done* marvelous things, he hath regarded the *low estate* of the poor and needy, he hath heard the *cryes* of the *Oppressed*, and *sighing* of his *Prisoners*, and with *his Arme* hath he brought *Salvation*, and with his *own right hand* hath he gotten himselfe the *Victory*. *Oh! yee Innocent and upright in Heart*, lift up your heads and be glad in the Lord, for his Councel concerning us shall stand, that he will never leave us untill he hath set us in full Possession of the promised *Inheritance*: Settle it in your hearts that he hath not raised us out of the dust and brought us hitherto, now to let us fall in the wilderness, and give us over as a Prey to our Enemies; What then shall become of his great Name which he hath exalted and is exalting in the sight of the Nations, and for which it is that he hath done these great things for us? not for *your sakes* nor worthiness, (*Oh Seed of Israel*) hath he remembred his *Covenant* with you, but for his *own name sake* hath he wrought deliverance for you; yet know this for your consolation, for *your sakes* will he *reprove Kings* in the day of his wrath, and poure *contempt* upon *Princes*, yea and (rather then his worke of deliverance shall faile) will *overthrow Kingdomes* & *Nations* if they stand in his way: *praise him forever, and give thankes in remembrance of his hollyness*, for it becomes the just to be *thankfull*, and *praise* is comely for the upright, And when you draw near unto him make mention of your *Brother* before him, that his *loving kindness* may be continued towards *me*, and I *preserved* in *faithfulness* to him, and *Unity* with you all, *yea* let all my true hearted *Brethren and Sisters* know, that he hath

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dealt very *bountifully* with me, and all his *waies* have I found to be *Mercie and Truth* unto me, for when by his grace he first called *me*, I obtained *Mercie* to be found *faithfull*, and when through my Labours and Travells in his *Vineyard* wherein he set me, my Testimony for him *there* was finished, and my *outward strength* near exhausted, he gathered me to my *expected rest* in peace, and though mine *Enemies* (in eager pursuite of their malice and envy) causelessly cast me into this *Iayle* amongst *theeues* and *evill doers*, yet my God had a designe of *Love* towards me in it, who hath made it a very *pleasant* Habitation, and is *himselfe* become a little *Sanctuary* unto me, where *in his presence* I am preserved in perfect joy and peace, having the *Testimony* of his spirit *in many of you* of my faithfull service for him towards you, and the same *Testimony* also *in my selfe* that I never *consulted* with *flesh* and *blood*, or *disputed* his *Commands* when and where ever he sent me, and that I this day *stand clear* of the *Blood* of all men; And now *my dear and pretious Ones*, in veiw of your goodly Tents & pleasant Habitation I leave you, and with plenty of teares I kiss and imbrace You, my heart being as ful of love towards you, as when I began to write, for while the *streames* thereof swiftly runs unto you, such is my *simpathy* with and *nearness* to you, that I am *filled* with the Returnes of *Yours* to me, it being as natural to my heart to receive it, as the parched ground the drops of raine; *Oh bless yee the Lord for me*, and let us *magnifie* his Name together.

Well then *dear hearts*, in your love am I even rouled as in a *Garment*, and *bound* with everlasting cords, and *sealed* in a perpetuall *Covenant* which out lasts the day and night, in this *love* let me *live*, yea *in it* let me *dye*, yet in the same I shall *out live* death it selfe, where (in his everlasting Armes who is love, and who never slumbers nor sleeps) I rest and so-

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face my ſelfe with and in you, And ſo receive yee *this* as a *token* of that *indeared love* flowing forth from me which ſhall abide when I ſhall be no more, but yet a *hope* lives in me that *he* ſhall once againe ſee the faces of many of you *Who is*

Your dear Brother (a Priſoner for the hope of *Iſrael*)

JASPER BATT.

Exileheſter Goale the 18th *of the* 10th *Month*, 1661.

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